



AF/1635#
PATENTS
Attorney Docket Number 47508.423

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: W.-Q. Zhou and S. Agrawal

Art Unit: 1635

Serial No.: 09/283,431

Examiner: K. Lacourciere

Filing Date: April 1, 1999

Title: Mixed Backbone Oligonucleotides Containing POPS
Blocks to Obtain Reduced Phosphorothioate Content

RECEIVED

JAN 03 2001

Box AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

TECH CENTER 1600/2000

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

12/27/00

Date of Signature and
of Mail Deposit

Jo-Ann Bergantino

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Commissioner for Patents:

- Enclosed herewith for appropriate action are the following items:

1. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, including a Three-Month Petition for Extension of Time;
2. Notice of Appeal; and
3. Return postcard.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this response, other than the Three-Month Petition for Extension of Time and the Notice of Appeal. However, please charge any payments due or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne A. Keown, Ph.D.
Reg. No. 33,923

December 27, 2000

HALE AND DORR LLP
60 State Street
Boston, MA 02109
Tel: (617) 526-6250
Fax: (617) 526-5000

jo-ann bergantino - i:\keown_wayne\legal\47508\423\transmittal_letter_oa_27dec00.doc